GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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CONDITION OF NH .3
Pingle Shri Devidas Anandrao

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highway No. 3 has been in bad shape due to insufficient width and landsliding in the Kasaraghat area between Mumbai and Nasik and also due to sub-standard construction undertaken in comparison to general standards of National Highway;

(b) whether due to rainfall and landsliding, traffic is held up frequently on this stretch for hours together;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the action taken or likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (c) : The National Highway No. 3 has been constructed as a two lane facility, as per the norms of the IRC, Ministry and as per standard construction practices being generally followed on National Highways. However, during the last rainy season landslides have occurred in the month of August, 2004 causing damages to the roads in isolated stretches in the Kasaraghat area. Traffic was held up for a few hours on some days. Landslide debris on the road were removed and the damaged portion was repaired to bring the road to traffic worthy condition. Both the landslide and traffic hold-up are not the regular features.

(d) National Highway No. 3 (Vadape-Gonde section) is proposed for widening to four lane under National Highway Development Project Phase III (NHDP-III) by constructing additional two-lanes along a new alignment in the Ghat area on B.O.T. basis. The process of award is in progress. Ministry has also sanctioned three estimates for rehabilitation, strengthening and protection works in the Ghat area upto Nashik amounting to Rs. 5.09 crores to ensure the traffic worthiness.